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1. SUMMARY: CCD HELD PLENARY SESSIONS ON FEBRUARY 14  
AND 16. THE DELEGATIONS OF INDIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FRG  
AND BULGARIA MADE GENERAL OPENING STATEMENTS WHICH INCLUDED  
REMARKS ON CCD'S PRIORITY ISSUES (CTB AND CW) AND ON THE  
CCD'S STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES. INDIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND  
BULGARIA ALSO ADDRESSED THE ISSUE OF ER/RB WEAPONS. CON-  
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SULTATIONS ON THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF CCD MEETINGS FOR THE  
SPRING SESSION WERE ALSO HELD. ADDITIONALLY, THE CCD HELD  
ONE BRIEF INFORMAL  
MEETING ON FEBRUARY 16 AT WHICH THE  
PROPOSED SCHEDULE WAS CIRCULATED PRIOR TO ITS ADOPTION AT  
THE PLENARY WHICH FOLLOWED. THE USDEL BRIEFED THE WESTERN  
GROUP ON FEBRUARY 15 ON THE STATUS OF US-USSR CW NEGOTIA-

TIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. AT THE 771ST PLENARY SESSION OF THE CCD, FEBRUARY 14, AMB. GHAREKHAN (INDIA) CALLED FOR "MULTILATERALIZATION" OF THE US-USSR NEGOTIATIONS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW) AND US-USSR NEGOTIATIONS ON COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ON CTB, GHAREKHAN SAID THAT A CTB TREATY ADHERED TO ONLY BY THE U.S., UK, AND USSR WOULD BE A "WELCOME FIRST STEP" BUT THAT A CTBT WOULD NOT BE TRULY EFFECTIVE "UNLESS AND UNTIL" FRANCE AND THE PRC EVENTUALLY ADHERED. (EXCERPTS ON CTB AND NON-PROLIFERATION FROM INDIAN STATEMENT CONTAINED REF A.) ON CW, HE SAID INDIA WAS PLEASED THAT US-USSR NEGOTIATIONS HAD REACHED A "PROMISING STAGE" AND HOPED THE "PROMISE" WOULD BE FILLED SOON SO THAT THE CCD COULD BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON A CW AGREEMENT. GHAREKHAN CALLED VERIFICATION AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS AND SAID THAT VERIFICATION SHOULD BE A JUDICIOUS COMBINATION OF "NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEANS, EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DATA, CONSULTATIVE BODIES, ETC." BUT SHOULD NOT BECOME A "MEDIUM OR PRETEXT TO INFRINGE ON THE SOVEREIGNTY AS WELL AS SECURITY AND OTHER INTERESTS OF STATES." HE SUPPORTED THE SOVIET POSITION ON A COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT BANNING NEW MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS (MDW) AND SAID THAT INDIA BELIEVED THE DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT OF THE "NEUTRON BOMB OR THE 'REDUCED IMPACT AND EXHANCED RADIATION' BOMB" SHOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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BANNED. "IT IS DANGEROUS IN THE EXTREME" GHAREKHAN SAID, "TO CONTINUE TO MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE SO-CALLED TACTICAL AND STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS." BRIEFLY ALLUDING TO THE RECENT SOVIET SATELLITE ACCIDENT IN CANADA, GHAREKHAN SAID INDIA FEELS THE USE OF NUCLEAR REACTORS IN SATELLITE PROGRAMS ALSO SHOULD BE BANNED. GHAREKHAN CALLED FOR REAFFIRMATION AT THE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD) OF THE UNGA RESOLUTION NO. 1653 (XVI) WHICH DECLARED THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AS CONTRARY TO THE RULE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE LAWS OF HUMANITY. HE SAID THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHOULD BE TAKEN A STEP FURTHER AND PROPOSED THAT "THE VERY POSSESSION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS SHOULD BE DECLARED UNLAWFUL." TURNING TO CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS, HE SAID INDIA DID NOT OPPOSE DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE PROVIDED IT IS UNDERTAKEN IN THE "PROPER CONTEXT" OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT AND DID NOT DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THE "HIGHEST PRIORITY ITEMS." "IT IS PERHAPS NOT IRRELEVANT TO NOTE" HE ADDED, "THAT ALL THE EMPHASIS IN RECENT MONTHS ON CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS HAS NOT LED TO ANY DIMINUTION IN THE SALES OF THESE WEAPONS; ON THE CONTRARY, THERE IS A SPURT AND A SCRAMBLE TO CAPTURE THE MARKET FOR CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT SUPPLIERS."

GHAREKHAN SUPPORTED CCD REFORM WHICH WOULD IMPROVE CCD'S EFFECTIVENESS, PARTICULARLY ABOLITION OF THE INSTITUTION OF CO-CHAIRMANSHIP TO BE REPLACED BY MONTHLY ROTATION OF CHAIRMANSHIP AMONG ALL MEMBERS OF THE CCD, INCLUDING THE NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES; AND OPENING UP OF CCD PLENARY SESSIONS TO PRESS AND CCD NON-MEMBERS.

3. AMBASSADOR RUZEK (CZECHOSLOVAKIA) MADE SOVIET-LINE OPENING STATEMENT WHICH TREATED THE SSOD AS A PRELUDE TO A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC), SUPPORTED "SPEEDY CONCLUSION" OF A WORLD TREATY ON THE NON-USE OF FORCE, AND UNIVERSAL ADHERENCE TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY (NPT). RUZEK'S COMMENTS ON CTB, IN ADDITION TO REPEATING

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THE GENERAL THEMES OF EARLIER SOVIET REMARKS ON THE SUBJECT, INCLUDED A CALL FOR SUPPORT OF THE SOVIET PROPOSAL TO CONCLUDE A TREATY ON THE NON-FIRST-USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. ON CW, RUZEK ASSERTED THAT OBLIGATORY ON-SITE INSPECTIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF A CW TREATY WOULD CREATE

"TECHNICALLY IMMENSE DEMANDS" AND "NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES" FOR THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF STATES PARTIES. HE ALSO SAID THAT NATIONAL MEANS WERE THE ONLY "SUITABLE EFFECTIVE SOLUTION," AND THAT THE CCD HAD ENOUGH BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS TO "BEGIN PREPARATION OF A CONCRETE TEXT OF A FUTURE TREATY ON CW." RUZEK EXPRESSED CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER "MEANINGFUL AND JUSTIFIED" PROPOSALS FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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CHANGE IN THE WORKING METHODS OF THE CCD FROM CCD NON-MEMBERS SO LONG AS CCD MAINTAINED RIGHT TO JUDGE ALL PROPOSALS. RUZEK ATTACKED RB/ER WEAPONS, CLAIMING THEIR ONLY PURPOSE CAN BE "TO EXTERMINATE HUMAN BEINGS ON A MASS SCALE," AND THAT PRODUCTION AND DEPLOYMENT IN EUROPE WOULD BE "PROFOUNDLY ANTAGONISTIC" AND WOULD SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE FURTHER PROGRESS IN ARMS CONTROL.

4. AMBASSADOR PFEIFFER (FRG) ADDRESSING THE CCD FOR THE FIRST TIME, SUPPORTED US-USSR NEGOTIATIONS ON SALT AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE ON-GOING EFFORTS WOULD RESULT IN AN AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD OPEN THE WAY TO FURTHER REDUCTION AND QUALITATIVE LIMITATIONS OF INTERCONTINENTAL STRATEGIC NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES. ON CTB, HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE TRILATERALS WOULD SOON PRODUCE POSITIVE RESULTS "SO THAT WE SHALL NOT, AS ANNOUNCED BY MRS. INGA THORSSON,... HAVE TO STAY TOGETHER IN PERMANENT SESSION..." UNTIL THE SSOD. ON CW, PFEIFFER WAS ENCOURAGED BY PROGRESS IN ON-GOING BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS AND HOPED CCD WOULD RECEIVE THE JOINT INITIATIVE "IN THE NEAR FUTURE." POINTING OUT THAT VERIFICATION WAS STILL AN IMPORTANT PROBLEM, HE OFFERED FRG EXPERIENCE WITH "INTERNATIONAL CONTROLS TO ENSURE OBSERVANCE OF THE BAN ON THE MANUFACTURE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS" (BY THE WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION) TO HELP DEVELOP AN "ECONOMICALLY INNOCUOUS CONTROL SYSTEM" TO ENSURE A CW PROHIBITION. ON CCD'S FUTURE, PFEIFFER POINTED OUT THAT DISARMAMENT WITHOUT VERIFICATION IS INCONCEIVABLE AND THAT CCD COULD SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS TO THE MANY TECHNICAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED. HE ALSO SUPPORTED STRUCTURAL AND COMPOSITIONAL REFORM TO THE CCD PROVIDED SUCH REFORMS INCREASED THE CCD'S EFFICIENCY.

5. AMBASSADOR VOUTOV (BULGARIA), ALSO ADDRESSING THE CCD  
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FOR THE FIRST TIME, DEVOTED MOST OF HIS OPENING STATEMENT TO REVIEWING CCD EFFECTIVENESS OVER THE YEARS AND SUPPORT-

ING IT AS A "VALUABLE AND NECESSARY BODY FOR DISARMAMENT."  
IN EXTOLLING THE VALUE OF US-SOVIET CO-CHAIRMANSHIP, HE  
THOUGHT THE CCD SHOULD BE GRATEFUL TO THE  
CO-CHAIRMEN FOR ALL THEIR SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO ITS  
WORK AND DISARMAMENT IN GENERAL. HE SAID THE CCD SHOULD  
CONCENTRATE ON THE MOST PRESSING PROBLEMS OF DISARMAMENT,  
I.E., CTB, CW, MUTUAL RENUNCIATION OF THE PRODUCTION OF THE  
NEUTRON BOMB, RW AND DEMILITARIZATION OF THE SEABED.  
VOUTOV EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE PACE OF THE WORK OF THE  
CCD THIS SESSION SHOULD NOT BE LINKED WITH THE APPROACH OF  
THE SSOD AND STATED THAT BULGARIA WAS ENCOURAGED BY REPORTS  
OF PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS ON CTB AND CW. VOUTOV ALSO  
ATTACKED THE "NEUTRON BOMB," REITERATING AND SUPPORTING THE  
SOVIET THREAT NOT TO REMAIN A PASSIVE OBSERVER WHILE SUCH  
WEAPONS ARE DEVELOPED AND DEPLOYED AND CONDEMNING THE U.S.  
AND THE WEST FOR REGARDING "THEIR BUSINESS, THEIR CAPITAL,  
THEIR MATERIAL ASSETS" AS MORE IMPORTANT THAN HUMAN BEINGS.  
IN CLOSING, HE CALLED FOR THE CCD TO BEGIN ITS WORK ON A  
COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FOR DISARMAMENT, "WHICH IS TO BE  
ADOPTED AT THE FUTURE WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE" (SIC).

6. THE CO-CHAIRMEN CONSULTED ON THE CCD WORK SCHEDULE WITH  
EACH OTHER, THEIR RESPECTIVE ALLIED GROUPS AND THE NON-  
ALIGNED GROUP. AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON THE SCHEDULE AT  
A CCD INFORMAL MEETING FEBRUARY 16 AND THE SCHEDULE WAS  
FORMALLY ADOPTED AS DOCUMENT CCD/551 (REF B) DURING PLENARY  
SESSION FEBRUARY 16.

7. THE WESTERN GROUP MET FEBRUARY 13 AND 15, PRIMARILY TO  
DISCUSS THE CCD WORK SCHEDULE. AT FEBRUARY 15 MEETING,  
USDEL BRIEFED THE WESTERN GROUP ON STATUS OF US-USSR  
ON-GOING NEGOTIATIONS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS. AMBASSADOR

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FISHER (HEAD OF USDEL) REVIEWED THE SITUATION AS REGARDS  
THE MAJOR ISSUES YET TO BE RESOLVED, AND INFORMED THE GROUP  
THAT CURRENT CW ROUND WOULD CONTINUE AT REDUCED PACE,  
WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF EXPERTS, UNTIL LATE MARCH AND THEN  
RESUME INTENSITY. UK REP (TAYLOR) BRIEFLY REFERRED TO  
THE CALLS BY EASTERN DELEGATIONS FOR CCD TO TURN ITS  
ATTENTION TO DEMILITARIZATION OF THE SEABED AND SUGGESTED  
THAT THE WESTERN GROUP NOT RESPOND TO SUCH CALLS. HE ALSO  
INFORMED THE GROUP THAT THE UKDEL WAS CONSIDERING MAKING  
A FORMAL STATEMENT ON MDW DURING THE WEEK OF MDW INFORMALS.  
CANADIAN REP (SIMARD) ASKED IF U.S. INTENDED TO RESPOND TO  
SOVIET/EE OVERKILL ON NEUTRON BOMB ISSUE. FISHER SAID  
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THAT U.S. WAS, AS A RULE, NOT INCLINED TO RESPOND TO SOVIET  
PROPAGANDA TACTICS BUT THAT FINAL JUDGMENT  
WOULD DEPEND ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS ON THIS ISSUE, INCLUD-  
ING THOSE DURING CCD INFORMAL MEETINGS ON MDW.  
VANDEN HEUVEL

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